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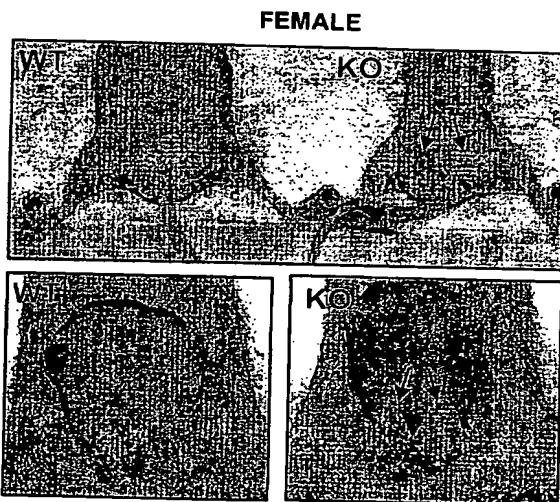
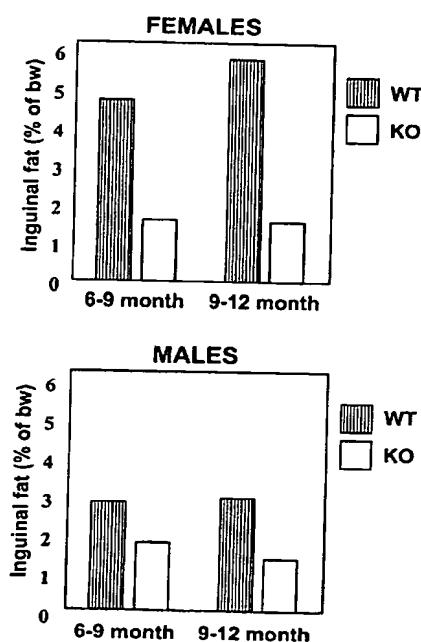
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(54) Title: SCREENING FOR MODULATORS OF FAT STORAGE



(57) Abstract: This invention relates to screening methods for identifying compounds that are useful as modulators of fat storage. In particular, the invention provides methods of screening for compounds that modulate the function of receptor interacting protein 140 (RIP 140).



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### Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1.  Claims Nos.: 17, 22 because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:  
Although claims 1-11 directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the binding between RIP140 and modulation of fat storage.
2.  Claims Nos.: 12-14, 17-22 because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:  
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
3.  Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

### Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1.  As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2.  As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3.  As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4.  No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:  
1-12, 13, 14-22 partially

#### Remark on Protest

The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Continuation of Box II.1

Although claims 1-11 directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the binding between RIP140 and modulation of fat storage.

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Continuation of Box II.1

Claims Nos.: 17,22

Rule 39.1(iv) PCT - Method for treatment of the human or animal body by therapy

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Continuation of Box II.2

Claims Nos.: 12-14,17-22

Present claims 12-14, 17-22 and 15-16 (in as far as they depend on claims 12-14) relate to a compound/pharmaceutical composition and their use defined by reference to a desirable characteristic or property, namely obtained or obtainable by a method of claim 1.

The claims cover all compounds/pharmaceutical compositions and their use having this characteristic or property, whereas the application provides no support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for such compounds/pharmaceutical compositions. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define the compound/pharmaceutical composition by reference to a result to be achieved. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible. Consequently, no search has been carried out for claims 12-14 and 17-22 and claims 15-16, in as far as they depend on claims 12-14.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure. If the application proceeds into the regional phase

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before the EPO, the applicant is reminded that a search may be carried out during examination before the EPO (see EPO Guideline C-VI, 8.5), should the problems which led to the Article 17(2) declaration be overcome.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: Claims 1-12 (partially), 13,14-22 (partially)

Screening for compounds that modulate fat storage in a mammal comprising identifying a compound which binds to the RIP140, compounds and pharmaceutical compositions derived therefrom as well as their use.

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2. claims: Claims 1-12 (partially), 14-22 (partially)

Screening for compounds that modulate fat storage in a mammal comprising identifying a compound which binds to the RIP140 target protein AhR, compounds and pharmaceutical compositions derived therefrom as well as their use.

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3. claims: Claims 1-12 (partially), 14-22 (partially)

Screening for compounds that modulate fat storage in a mammal comprising identifying a compound which binds to the RIP140 target protein ER, compounds and pharmaceutical compositions derived therefrom as well as their use.

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4. claims: Claims 1-12 (partially), 14-22 (partially)

Screening for compounds that modulate fat storage in a mammal comprising identifying a compound which binds to the RIP140 target protein RAR, compounds and pharmaceutical compositions derived therefrom as well as their use.

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5. claims: Claims 1-12 (partially), 14-22 (partially)

Screening for compounds that modulate fat storage in a mammal comprising identifying a compound which binds to the RIP140 target protein TR, compounds and pharmaceutical compositions derived therefrom as well as their use.

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6. claims: Claims 1-12 (partially), 14-22 (partially)

Screening for compounds that modulate fat storage in a mammal comprising identifying a compound which binds to the RIP140 target protein RXR, compounds and pharmaceutical compositions derived therefrom as well as their use.

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7. claims: Claims 1-12 (partially), 14-22 (partially)

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Screening for compounds that modulate fat storage in a mammal comprising identifying a compound which binds to the RIP140 target protein VDR, compounds and pharmaceutical compositions derived therefrom as well as their use.

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8. claims: Claims 1-12 (partially), 14-22 (partially)

Screening for compounds that modulate fat storage in a mammal comprising identifying a compound which binds to the RIP140 target protein PPAR, compounds and pharmaceutical compositions derived therefrom as well as their use.

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9. claims: Claims 1-12 (partially), 14-22 (partially)

Screening for compounds that modulate fat storage in a mammal comprising identifying a compound which binds to the RIP140 target protein SF-1, compounds and pharmaceutical compositions derived therefrom as well as their use.

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10. claims: Claims 1-12 (partially), 14-22 (partially)

Screening for compounds that modulate fat storage in a mammal comprising identifying a compound which binds to the RIP140 target protein DAX-1, compounds and pharmaceutical compositions derived therefrom as well as their use.

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